

ESTABLISHED 1861

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1912.

PRICE TWO CENTS

LOSS OF LIFE VERY HEAVY  
AND GREAT DAMAGE DONEIn the City of China by the  
Chinese Soldiers in a  
Mutiny.

## LOOTERS ARE SHOT

In Their Tracks by Loyal  
Troops When Caught  
in the Act.

TIENTSIN, Mar. 1.—Chinese troops at Fong Tai twenty miles from Peking mutinied during the night and there was heavy firing in the native quarter.

The foreign community, composed entirely of railroad men and their families, retired to a British military post nearby where 150 soldiers of the Somerset Infantry were stationed to guard the railroad.

Dispatches from Peking declare that the situation is very serious. All train service has been suspended.

LONDON, Mar. 1.—The situation at Peking today grew somewhat quieter. Burning and looting continued during the morning hours and the property of all foreigners suffered.

Looters captured in the act of carrying off property were executed on the spot by loyal soldiers, several regiments of which are patrolling the streets.

Incendiary fires kindled last night have been extinguished but the loss will be \$15,000,000. The loss of life has been heavy.

## MANY PUPILS

Are Engaged throughout the  
County in the Ex-  
aminations.

SALZEM, Mar. 1.—Thursday and Friday are examination days throughout Harrison county. There are between 275 and 300 pupils taking this examination. Superintendent A. P. Morrison has the class from Tennille district at Salzern. There are twenty in this class. The schools are greatly improved as to uniform work under this new order of things.

## OLD FOLKS'

Meeting Will Be Held in Adamston  
United Brethren Church.

An old folks' meeting will be held at the United Brethren church at Adamston Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Every old person in the community is cordially invited to attend and take part. Only the old time hymns will be sung and the service will be conducted on the line of an old fashion class meeting. The Rev. Mr. Edgel will assist in the service. The meeting will be closed with the communion service. All will receive a hearty welcome.

## WARRANT

Against Kindle Is Withdrawn and  
He Is Released from Jail.

A warrant against Hurley Kindle, of Lynch's Mines, charging him with stealing two kegs of beer from the railroad station there, was withdrawn Thursday night in Justice G. H. Goddon's court by Paul Gunter, and Kindle was released from the county jail, where he had been placed by Constable Post to await a hearing.

## NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT.

SHINNSTON, Mar. 1.—Resulting from the recent fire scare in the Hamilton block, a movement has been started by citizens to organize a new volunteer fire brigade. J. F. Lubby has been circulating a petition in behalf of the movement and a mass meeting will be held within a few days.

## TO REFORM SCHOOL.

Dominick Frye, who had just completed a sentence of six months in the county jail for carrying a gun, was taken by Joseph Gill to the boys' reform school at Pruntytown Friday, to which institution he was sentenced at the last term of the criminal court.

DELEGATES SO FAR  
ARE ALL FOR TAFT

## END OF STRIKE

Of the Textile Workers Seems  
to Be Near at Law-  
rence Now.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Mar. 1.—The end of the great textile strike involving 20,000 workers, which began January 12, is believed to be in sight. Many mills have posted notices of five per cent advance in wages, including the mills of the American Woolen Company, affecting about 30,000 operatives.

While industrial workers of the world, whose 12,000 or more members are idle, have not agreed to return under the advance, it is believed that many strikers will return to the machines next week.

## TOOTH BRUSH

Is Denounced and Tobacco  
Chewing and Snuff Using  
Are Lauded.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 1.—"If I had my way I would make it a penal offense for any mother to put a tooth brush into the mouth of a child," declared Representative Cyrus W. Suloway, of New Hampshire, today appearing before the District of Columbia committee bill to regulate dentistry. Representative Suloway denounced the use of the tooth brush vigorously and lauded the good old days of tobacco chewing and dipped snuff.

## CLARKSBURG

Ten Pin Team Will Compete in Amer-  
ican Bowling Congress Tourney.

Secretary Abe Langtry, of the American Bowling Congress, of Milwaukee, in announcing the schedule of the American Bowling Congress tourney, which commences in Chicago Sunday, announced that the Clarksburg ten pin team would roll on Tuesday, March 19. The Clarksburg team will leave here Saturday night, March 16, and go by the way of Columbus, O., playing there Sunday afternoon.

SPINAL DISEASE  
EPIDEMIC RAGESIn the City of Louisville with  
Seven Names on the  
Death List.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Mar. 1.—Twelve cases of cerebro spinal meningitis are now under surveillance here and at noon the death list stood at seven. An emergency hospital was arranged today to take care of new cases.

Telegraph orders have been sent to New York for another supply of serum found effective in staving the epidemic.

## ANNIVERSARY

Of Founding of Their Order  
is to Be Celebrated by  
Odd Fellows.

An official proclamation for the celebration of Friday, April 26, as the ninety-third anniversary of the founding of Odd Fellowship has been issued by A. F. Wagner, of this city, who is grand patriarch of the West Virginia grand encampment of the order, and copies are being received by encampments throughout the state.

Mr. Wagner's proclamation follows a similar one issued by the supreme patriarch of the national grand encampment.

The celebration is an annual event on the anniversary day, and the proclamation is designed more to notify the subordinate encampments to begin their preparations for the proper celebration of the date than for any other purpose.

## COUNCIL TO MEET.

The city council is scheduled to hold a regular meeting tonight at the usual hour in its accustomed meeting place.

COURT HOLDS  
THAT BANK IS  
NOT LIABLEIn a Notable Case Going  
Up to It from Mer-  
cer County.AND RITZ IS LOSER  
Bank President's Knowledge  
as a Concern Director  
Not Notice to Bank.CHARLESTON, Mar. 1.—Knowl-  
edge of one of the officials of a  
bank, acquired in a capacity other  
than its representative, relating to  
infirmary in commercial paper of-  
fered for discount, says the su-  
preme court of appeals in an opinion  
written by Judge Robinson, in the  
case of The American National Bank  
of Bluefield vs. Howard Ritz.

"Is not notice to the bank when that official is also an officer of the corporation seeking the discount and has an interest in the transactions so adverse to the bank that the reasonable presumption is that he would not communicate the knowledge to it."

The case came up from Mercer county where a jury gave judgment in favor of the defendant. The bank, by writ of error, sought a reversal and the supreme court reversed, set aside the verdict and awarded a new trial.

The president of the bank, William E. Fowler, was also president and a director of the Southern West Virginia Fuel Company. As president of the fuel company he sought to borrow money from the bank of which he was president. Harold A. Ritz, a director of the fuel company and also a director with Fowler of the bank, endorsed the note, after Fowler represented to Ritz that the fuel company was sorely in need of money. Ritz endorsed the notes with the understanding that other members of the directorate of the Southern West Virginia Fuel Company also endorsed the notes and that they should be liable in proportion to the amount of stock each held. A paper to that effect was drawn up by Ritz and given to Fowler to have all the directors sign. Fowler, president of the bank and president of the fuel company, had the notes discounted at his bank, endorsed only by himself, Harold A. Ritz and William Shands, while the names of the other four directors were not added, nor were their names secured to the writing. The defendant claimed that at the time the notes were discounted, the bank had notice of these agreements in the premises and was therefore advised of the infirmity of the paper in relation to the defendant when it became holder of the same.

Ritz rested his case on the assertion that the bank had notice of the infirmity of the paper through the knowledge of Fowler, its president and managing officer. The court holds that that knowledge was obtained by Fowler as an officer of the fuel company, and not as an officer of the bank.

It was contended that the decision in the lower court was due to a certain instruction given by the defendant over the protest of the plaintiff. As the instruction itself sets out much of the case, it is here given:

"The court instructs the jury that if they believe from the evidence in this case that William E. Fowler was president of the American National Bank, the plaintiff in this case, and that he agreed with the defendant that the notes sued on in this case, or the notes for which said notes, or either of them, is a renewal, should not be discounted at said bank until they had been endorsed by William E. Fowler, William Shands, J. Lee Harne, S. S. Smith, W. P. Hawley, F. L. Black and the defendant, directors of the Southern West Virginia Fuel Company, and that said notes should not be discounted at said bank until the written agreement introduced in evidence in this case had been signed by all of said directors of the Southern West Virginia Fuel Company, and if the jury further believes from the evidence in this case that the bank had notice of this agreement, then the bank is liable on the notes."

At a special term of the county court Friday attended by all of its members, county and district claims were passed on for payment. Charles O. Wolfes, B. H. Post and Carl D. Sommerville, applicants for the office of notary public, were granted certificates.

## FRAUDS

Under Present Bill of Lading  
Practices Would Be Safe  
Industry.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—General Counsel Hugh L. Bond, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, told the committee on interstate commerce today "that as compared with holding up taxi-cabs the frauds possible under the present bill of lading practices would be a comparatively safe industry."

## MR. WEAVER HURT.

John Weaver, a machine man employed by the Consolidation Coal Company at Enterprise, is laying off from his work this week recovering from injuries he received Wednesday when he got under a fall of slate. He has a bad cut on his right hip and he is out about the face.

COMMON SENSE METHODS  
IN REVISION OF THE TARIFFPOPULAR OPINION  
FAVORS DECISIONOf the British Government to  
Pass a Minimum Wage  
Bill.LONDON, Mar. 1.—With the ex-  
ception of a few small collieries in  
isolated districts, all the coal mines  
in the country are idle today and  
more than a million men are in the  
strike.

The men are taking advantage of the strike to enjoy a holiday and no immediate trouble is feared. Railways throughout Wales gave notice today of curtailed service and lines in other parts of the country will follow their example tomorrow.

Public opinion generally endorses the government's decision to pass the minimum wage bill, if the coal operators do not agree to that principle.

## CHARTER

Is Issued to a Wheeling Com-  
pany to Operate in  
Brooke County.

CHARLESTON, Mar. 1.—For the purpose of mining coal, operating coal washeries, and owning and dealing in all kinds of mineral lands, a charter has been issued to the Richmond Mining Company, of Wheeling, with operations to be located in Brooke county, this state. The company is capitalized at \$50,000, and has the following incorporators: Johnson C. McKinley, Nelson C. Hubbard, Harry B. Lockwood, Lloyd W. Brown and N. Atwood Hazling, all of Wheeling.

## SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Mrs. Taylor Martin, of Enterprise, underwent a surgical operation late Thursday afternoon in St. Mary's hospital and rallied well. She is recovering nicely. Mrs. Martin is the mother of Mrs. Elmer St. Clare, of Hornum avenue.

## LICENSE GRANTED.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, Mar. 1.—License to sell liquor at the Brass hotel, recently reopened, was granted by council last night to R. L. Wright and W. H. Topp, formerly of Wheeling. Five other licenses were granted two weeks ago.

WALLACE CONCERN  
GOES TO THE WALLCo-operative Store Company  
Assigns for Benefit of  
Creditors.

The Wallace Co-operative Store Company at Wallace has made an assignment, naming Festus B. and L. E. Robinson, of that town, as trustees, with authority to convert the stock of good valued at \$2,500 into cash and distribute the latter among its creditors pro rata.

The concern's liabilities amount to about \$3,000 and its principal creditors are Clarksburg wholesale concerns, the New Martinsville Wholesale Grocery at New Martinsville and the Craddock-Terra Shoe Company at Lynchburg, Va.

The company is comprised of about seventy-five residents of that section of Harrison county and it has been in operation three years under a state charter. The business was a co-operative one.

Messrs. Robinson qualified here Friday afternoon as trustees with bond at \$5,000 and the Citizens Trust and Guaranty Company surety. They will enter upon their duties at once.

## PATENTS ISSUED.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Patents West Virginians: Sylvester A. Barbrickman and J. C. Hoyt, of Richwood, shaft level, and Edwin A. Gaskill, Laneville, stake and stake seat for logging cars and the like.

## WANTS FRANCHISE.

C. F. Baker has given notice that he will apply to the town council of Shinnston April 1 for a franchise to construct and maintain an electric light plant and lighting system there.

Are Advocated by President  
Taft as against Hap-  
hazard Ways.

## POINTS OUT REASONS

Why the Tariff Board Should  
Not Be Done Away with  
by Congress.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—President Taft has given an authorized interview on tariff-making. It is entitled "Common Sense vs. Haphazard Methods," and appears in the current issue of the Outlook. It was secured by a special representative of the Outlook, and is in part as follows:

"Not that I wish to see the tariff question made the mere football of politics," President Taft explained, "we have had too much of that already. But I should like to have the people of the United States pass their deliberate judgment on the issue as it has been made up within the last year—the difference between the common-sense way and the haphazard way of making a tariff law. As you know, I am a believer in the Republican policy of protection. I want to see it continued; but I also want to see our party strengthen it by giving it an underpinning which can not be swept away by the first passing flood of popular sentiment."

"And this purpose could be accomplished—how?" I asked.

"First, by fixing the rate at figures not dictated by a group of domestic producers for their own enrichment, and granted in exchange for party support, but based on the difference between the cost of production here and the cost of production abroad, ascertained by means which preclude all doubt of the substantial accuracy of the calculation."

"Second, by establishing on a permanent foundation the machinery for collecting the data of cost, so that it can be in continuous operation, and its work ever more and more easily done. This machinery, I need not tell you, should be in charge of a tariff commission or board, corresponding in a general way with the non-partisan tariff board we now have."

"A good many persons evidently think that the whole purpose of a tariff board is to collect material for a single tariff bill or series of bills; and, not unnaturally, those who wish to see the government economically administered question the wisdom of spending so much money and employing so many experts for the preparation of the tariff legislation of 1912, in view of the possibility that all this work may be torn up and done over as soon as a new set of hands takes charge of our public affairs. Now, it is just such a contingency that the tariff board is designed to avoid. The collection of data to guide this year's legislation is only a first step. From now on, if Congress consents to prolong its existence, the tariff board will continue collecting data through the channels it has already opened, and with the aid of men trained in their duties."

After reviewing the work of the board at considerable length the interview continues:

"To turn to the broad question of tariff revision, you are not disappointed by what some critics say about the danger of keeping the country in a perpetual ferment of nervous apprehension regarding coming changes?"

"Nothing could do more to prevent such a ferment than the very plan we are now considering. Hitherto, we have seen the whole tariff structure torn to pieces and rebuilt whenever there has been a change of parties in control at Washington, and even sometimes when the same party has remained responsible for the personnel of the staff. In command has changed. Such overhauls are always accompanied by a more or less violent convulsion of business, followed by a state of stagnation protracted through the whole period while the outcome continues at all in doubt. The new bill is talked about for a long time before it is framed; there are extended hearings in committees, and afterward a series of secret sessions behind barred doors and debates at some length on the floor of Congress; and after all of these there is a possible interval of ten days during which the tariff is in a state of confusion."

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## BRICK BLOCK

Containing a Theater and An  
Arcade Will Be Erected  
Near Postoffice.

Architects are engaged on plans for a big brick business block on the Latstetter property at the corner of West Pike and North Third street, recently visited by fire. The grounds are being cleared now.

While the size and design of the block have not been definitely determined upon, a three-story brick building is in contemplation with five store rooms facing on West Pike street and six on North Third street. There is to be an arcade leading from West Pike street to a theater building in the rear.

The second and third stories of the building will contain offices and apartments for gentlemen.

## GOVERNOR STUBBS

Says President Taft's Name  
Will Not Be before the  
Chicago Convention.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, called on Colonel Roosevelt today to talk over the campaign. The governor declared that President Taft's name would not be presented to the Chicago convention and that Stubbs would take the stump for Roosevelt.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couples:  
George R. Koon and Lucy M. Newell.  
David W. Jeffreys and Lillie D. Knight.

## NEW POSTMASTER.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1.—Wesley Mundy has been appointed postmaster at Brilliant, Putnam county, in place of A. J. Mills, resigned.

## COUNTY

Horticultural Society is to  
Meet March 9 in Shinn-  
ston Church.

Announcement is made by F. W. Sturm, secretary, that a meeting of the Harrison County Horticultural Society will be held the afternoon of Saturday, March 9, in the First Methodist Episcopal church at Shinnston. The meeting will begin at 1:30 o'clock.

E. E. Righter is to deliver an address on corn culture, E. J. Sturm on lime and clover, Roland Barnes on spraying and Luther Coffman on things the farmer and fruit grower should know. There will also be other interesting features on the program.

## DIES ON TRAIN

From Injuries Received When  
Run Down by An Erie  
Limited.

RAVENNA, O., Mar. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Sage Hulbert were run down by an Erie limited train near here today and Hulbert died on the train while being brought to a hospital here. The woman is fatally injured.

## AGED MAN DIES.

FAIRMONT, Mar. 1.—W. N. Straight, 72, is dead of a complication of diseases at his home at Barrackville.

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